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APRIL 16, 1973

### 1. MILITARY ACTIVITY:

A. THE LEVEL OF COMBAT WAS ERRATIC OVER THE WEEKEND, WITH  
29 INCIDENTS ON APRIL 13, 45 ON APRIL 14, AND 20 ON APRIL 15.  
MOST OF THE ACTIVITY WAS IN THE 1 ST DIV AO WEST OF HUE;  
ON APRIL 15, THE 1 ST DIV WAS THE TARGET OF FOUR ATTACKS AND  
26 ATTACKS BY FIRE ( ABF' S), INCLUDING ONE OF 785 ROUNDS ON  
THE 3 RD BN, 1 ST REG. THE MARINE AO, RUNNING FROM QUANG TRI  
CITY TO THE SEA, ALSO REPORTED AN ABF OF TEN MORTAR ROUNDS  
ON APRIL 15, THE FIRST SUCH REPORT FROM THE MARINES IN OVER  
A MONTH. TOTAL CASUALTIES FOR THE THREE DAYS WERE: FRIENDLY,  
20 KIA, 203 WIA AND 4 MIA; ENEMY, 52 KILLED, ONE CAPTURED  
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AND ONE RALLIED.

B. I CORPS G-2 REPORTS THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE STARTED CONSTRUCTION ON A SECOND RUNWAY AT KHE SANH PARALLEL TO THE EXISTING RUNWAY.

C. THE VC RELEASED 51 ARVN PW'S TO ARVN UNITS IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE.

2. ICCS:

A. PENDING THE QUESTIONING OF THE CREW OF THE SURVIVING HELICOPTER, THE EVIDENCE OF THE INVESTIGATION BY REGION I ICCS OF THE HELICOPTER DOWNING INCIDENT IN QUANG TRI TENDS TO CONFIRM THAT THE TWO AIRCRAFT WERE AS MUCH AS 41 KILOMETERS OFF THEIR PRG AUTHORIZED COURSE. ( REF SEPTEL DANANG 396.)

B. NIN ONE PLENARY SESSION ON APRIL 12, THE REGION I ICCS AGREED TO FORWARD THE GVN REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION AT OBSERVATION POST HELEN ( HOANG HAU). THE ACTION WAS FAIRLY EXPEDITIOUS AND SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMMODATED POLDEL WSD HUNGDEL OBJECTIONS. REF SEPTEL DANANG 404)

C. FOR REASONS UNKNOWN TO POLOFF QUANG NAM, THE POLISH INTERPRETER ON THE SUB- REGION ICCS TEAM IN HOI AN, MR PLEBAN, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED, REPORTEDLY TO THE DELTA. THE POLOFF AND THE CANDELS BELIEVE CERTAIN EVIDENCE OF CONDUCT HAD INDICATED PLEBAN MAYFLELL HAVE EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLED THE POLDEL.

3. ACCOMMODATION:

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION CONVEYED TO POLOFF QUANG NAM BY AN RF SOLDIER AND CONFIRMED BY A SECTOR OFFICER, AN RF UNIT WAS REMOVED TO THE PROVINCE CAPITAL EXSTENSIBLY ON GROUNDS OF MALARIA IN THE COMPLEMENT BUT, IN FACT, BECAUSE OF ACCOMMODATION WITH THE VIET CONG. THEC NITLAD BEEN OPERATING IN QUE SON DISTRNNT, SOME 30 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF HOI AN, OPPOSITE LARGE VC UNITS ON AN ADJOINING HILL 200 METERS DISTANT. THE VC WOULD CALL FOR PERMISSION TO MOVE TROOPS OR SUPPLIES DOWN THE TRAIL SEPARATING THE UNITS, OCCASIONALLY REQUIRING T  
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